

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (new): A conduit coupling comprising:

a hollow receiver, said receiver including a receiving space;

an insert adapted to be sealingly and lockingly received into said receiving space, said insert including a retaining ring, said insert movable in an insertion direction into said receiving space; and

said receiver having a locking element adapted to be moved into said receiving space, said locking element perpendicularly movable relative to said insertion direction into a raised position, a pushed-in position, and a prelocked position, said prelocked position being intermediate said pushed-in and said raised positions, said locking element having a first beveled surface adapted to cooperate with said retaining ring to move said locking element from said pushed-in position to said raised position when said insert is initially inserted into a first insertion position in said receiver, said receiver further including a prelock assembly and a pullback assembly which are adapted to cooperate with said retaining ring when said insert is inserted further into said receiver beyond said first insertion position into a second insertion position wherein said retaining ring has moved out of contact with said beveled surface, said prelock assembly preventing said retaining ring and said insert from being pulled out of said receiver when said insert has moved into said second position and said pullback assembly substantially simultaneously moving said locking element into said prelocked position.

Claim 6 (new): The coupling of claim 5 wherein said prelock assembly comprises a projection which extends into said receiving space, said beveled surface located on said projection.

Claim 7 (new): The coupling of claim 5 wherein said pullback assembly comprises a second beveled surface disposed on said locking element and a third beveled surface disposed on said receiver, said second and third beveled surfaces cooperating to generate a force in a direction opposite to the direction of movement of said locking element from said prelocked position to said raised position.

Claim 8 (new): The coupling according to claim 1 wherein said locking element includes a click-stop projection and said receiver includes a snap-in projection, said click-stop projection located adjacent to and on one side of said snap-in projection in said pushed-in position and located adjacent to and on another side of said snap-in projection in said prelock position.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Cross section lines 3-3 have been added to Fig. 2, cross section lines 5-5 have been added to Fig. 4, and the numeral "30" has been added to Figs. 3 and 5 to indicate an assembly, as shown on the attached Annotated Sheets of Drawings Showing Changes. The attached Replacement Sheets of Drawings replace the original sheets of drawings.